## Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2020 Regular Session

## **Part I: Measure Information**

Bill Request #: 133
Bill #: HB 15
<b>Document ID #:</b> 155
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to road safety.
Sponsor: Representative Regina Huff
Unit of Government: x City x County x Urban-County Unified Local
<u>x</u> Charter County <u>x</u> Consolidated Local <u>x</u> Government
Office(s) Impacted: Law enforcement; jails
Requirement:x _ Mandatory Optional
Effect on  Powers & Duties:x _ Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing

## Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government

The fiscal impact of HB 15 will be nil to minimal. The bill amends KRS 512.070 to add "unsafe amounts of mowed grass" to the definition of criminal littering. As such there could be some possible arrests and Class A Misdemeanor incarcerations related to criminal littering. The jail costs associated with Class A misdemeanor incarceration are described below.

A person convicted of a Class A misdemeanor may be incarcerated for up to twelve months. Misdemeanants are housed in one of Kentucky's 77 full service jails or three life safety jails. While the expense of housing inmates varies by jail, this estimated impact will be based on \$31.34 per day, which equals the per diem and medical expenses that the Department of Corrections pays jails to house felony offenders. While the majority of misdemeanor defendants are granted bail, those who do not will also cost local jails an average of \$31.34 per day.

## Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions

The Part II section, above, pertains to the bill as introduced.

Data Source(s): Kentucky Jailers Association; Kentucky Department of Corrections;

Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police; Kentucky Sheriffs Association

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